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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2001 for four (4) month(s) from June 30, 2001 to October 30, 2001. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/DEP0468/TMD in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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